

Amendments to the Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A media editing method for editing media including an image sequence ~~comprised of~~ comprising a plurality of images showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said media editing method ~~comprising the steps of:~~

extracting a region from ~~said the~~ images partially or entirely including the user ~~partially or entirely;~~

determining whether or not the user included in the region extracted in said ~~extracting-step~~ operation is facing a predesignated direction;

selecting a part of the image sequence between time points determined as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction in said ~~determining-step~~ operation by scanning ~~said the~~ image sequence from a start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start point; and

editing the media including the part of the image sequence selected in said ~~selecting-step~~ operation.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~determining-step~~ determines operation ~~comprises determining~~ whether or not the user included in the region extracted in said ~~extracting-step~~ operation is facing the ~~front~~ frontwards.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, further ~~comprising the step of~~ detecting a sound included in ~~said the~~ media, and ~~wherein~~

~~said selecting-step~~ selects operation ~~comprises selecting~~, by scanning the image sequence from the start point to the end point, and from the end point to the start point, the part of ~~said the~~ image sequence ~~satisfying as being~~ between the time points determined in said ~~determining-step~~ operation as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction, and between time points at which ~~a the~~ the sound is ~~each~~ detected.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-~~step specifies~~ operation comprises specifying the part of the image sequence selected in said selecting-~~step~~ operation by a description in a meta-data format.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-~~step clips~~ operation comprises clipping out the part of the image sequence selected in said selecting-~~step~~ operation from said the media.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-~~step selects the~~ operation comprises selecting a first image in the part of the image sequence selected in said selecting-~~step~~ operation as an initial display image.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-~~step calculates~~ operation comprises calculating a partial region corresponding to-said the image sequence based on a position and a size of the region extracted in said extracting-~~step~~ operation, and-performs performing editing by using-said the partial region.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim-~~6~~ 7, wherein said editing-~~step specifies said~~ operation further comprises specifying the partial region by a description in a meta data format.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein said editing-~~step arranges a~~ operation comprises arranging text included in-said the media onto an arrangement region which is so set as not to overlap-at all or overlap as little as possible the region extracted in said extracting-~~step~~, or to overlap as little as possible if overlaps operation.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein

~~said extracting-step~~ extracts operation comprises extracting a face region including ~~the user's~~ a face of the user, and

~~said editing-step~~ arranges a operation comprises arranging text included in ~~said the~~ media onto a speech bubble region which is so set as not to overlap ~~at all~~ or overlap as little as possible the region extracted in ~~said extracting-step~~, ~~or to overlap as little as possible if overlaps~~ operation.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said editing-step~~ performs operation comprises performing an image conversion process for one or more of ~~said the~~ images.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim 1, wherein

~~said extracting-step~~ extracts operation comprises extracting a face region including ~~the user's~~ a face of the user, and

~~said editing-step~~ refers operation comprises referring to a face characteristic calculated based on the face region extracted in ~~said extracting-step~~ operation, and from a character database storing a plurality of character images and ~~the face characteristic~~ each characteristics corresponding thereto, selecting one or more of ~~said the~~ character images.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim ~~11~~ 12, wherein ~~said editing-step~~ calculates said operation comprises calculating the face characteristic based on character data inputted by the user.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing method according to claim ~~11~~ 12, wherein ~~said editing-step~~ calculates said operation comprises calculating the face characteristic based on a length-to-width ratio or a partial characteristic of a face in the face region extracted in ~~said extracting-step~~ operation.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A media editing device for editing media including an image sequence ~~comprised of~~ comprising a plurality of images showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said media editing device comprising:

a region extraction part for extracting a region from ~~said the~~ images partially or entirely including the user ~~partially or entirely~~;

a predesignated face orientation determination part for determining whether or not the user included in the region extracted by said region extraction part is facing a predesignated direction;

a frame selection part for selecting a part of the image sequence between time points determined as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction by said predesignated face orientation determination part by scanning ~~said the~~ image sequence from a start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start point; and

an editing part for editing the media including the image sequence selected by said frame selection part.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, further comprising a sound detection part for detecting a sound included in ~~said the~~ media, ~~and wherein~~

said frame selection part selects, by scanning the image sequence from the start point to the end point, and from the end point to the start point, the part of ~~said the~~ image sequence ~~satisfying as being~~ between the time points determined by said predesignated face orientation determination part as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction, and between time points at which ~~a the~~ the sound is ~~each~~ detected.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part selects ~~the a~~ first image in the part of the image sequence selected by said frame selection part as an initial display image.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part calculates a partial region corresponding to ~~said~~ the image sequence based on a position and a size of the region extracted by said region extraction part, and performs editing by using ~~said~~ the partial region.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein said editing part arranges ~~a~~ text included in ~~said~~ the media onto an arrangement region which is so set as not to overlap ~~at all~~ or overlap as little as possible the region extracted by said region extraction part, ~~or to overlap as little as possible if overlaps.~~

20. **(Currently Amended)** The media editing device according to claim 15, wherein

said region extraction part extracts a face region including ~~the user's~~ a face of the user, and

said editing part refers to a face characteristic calculated based on the face region extracted by said region extraction part, and from a character database storing a plurality of character images and ~~the face characteristic~~ each characteristics corresponding thereto, ~~selecting~~ selects one or more of ~~said~~ the character images.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A program recorded on a computer-readable recording medium ~~on which a program is recorded~~ to be carried out by a device for editing media including an image sequence ~~comprised of~~ comprising a plurality of images showing a user partially or entirely as a subject, said program comprising ~~the steps of:~~

extracting a region from ~~said~~ the images partially or entirely including the user ~~partially or entirely;~~

determining whether or not the user included in the region extracted in said extracting step operation is facing a predesignated direction;

selecting a part of the image sequence between time points determined as being when the user is facing the predesignated direction in said determining step operation by

scanning-said the image sequence from a start point to an end point, and from the end point to the start point; and

editing the media including the image sequence selected in said selecting-step operation.